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Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session

Draft report

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Chapter ___. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on the Status of Women held its forty-eighth session at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 12 March 2004. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to __).

2. The session was opened by the Chairperson of the forty-eighth session of the Commission, Kyung-wha Kang (Republic of Korea), who also made a statement.

B. Attendance

3. The session was attended by representatives of 45 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended.

C. Officers of the Commission

4. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1987/21, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission should serve a term of office of two years. The following officers were elected at the 1st meeting of the forty-eighth session, on 25 March 2003, to serve during the forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions:

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Chairperson:
Kyung-wha Kang (Republic of Korea)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Carmen-Rosa Arias (Peru)
Tebatso Baleseng (Botswana)
Lala Ibrahimova (Azerbaijan) (who also served as Rapporteur*)
Beatrice Maillé (Canada)

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 1st meeting, on 1 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda and approved its organization of work as contained in document E/CN.6/2004/1, as orally revised. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century":
   (a) Review of gender mainstreaming in organizations of the United Nations system;
   (b) Emerging issues, trends and new approaches to issues affecting the situation of women or equality between women and men;
   (c) Implementation of strategic objectives and action in the critical areas of concern and further actions and initiatives;
      (i) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality;
      (ii) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace-building.
4. Communications concerning the status of women.
5. Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions.
6. Provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Commission.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session.

* Elected to serve for the forty-eighth session only. Marine Davtyan (Armenia) was elected to serve for the forty-ninth session.

E. Appointment of the members of a working group on communications on the status of women

6. Pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1983/27, the Commission established a working group to consider communications concerning the status of women. The following five members, nominated by their regional groups, were appointed:

Alberto D'Alotto (Argentina)
Marine Davtyan (Armenia)
Nicole Elisha (Benin)
Miho Ohashi (Japan)
Martin Thuemmel (Germany)

7. The working group held six meetings.